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1. REGGET DELAY IN REPLYING TO REFTELS BUT UNABLE SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT BEFORE JAN 29 WITH OUR CONTACT, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING DIVISION OF MUNICH AIRPORT, HERR MANFRED STEFFEN. ACCORDING TO STEFFEN, NEW YORK FIRM BRODSKY, HOPF AND ADLER HAVE CONTRACT FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSAL FOR NEW AIRPORT'S HUMAN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM. A SUMMARY REPORT IS DUE FROM THIS FIRM BY END OF FEBRUARY, AND THE FINAL REPORT WILL FORM BASIS FOR BIDS WHICH AIRPORT WILL REQUEST FROM SELECTED FIRMS.

2. STEFFEN ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTINUAL AND CLOSE CONTACT WITH WESTINGHOUSE OFFICES BOTH IN EUROPE AND U.S. HE ASSURED US THAT, AS RESULT HIS RECENT INSPECTION OF WESTINGHOUSE SYSTEMS AT SEATTLE-TACOMA AND TAMPA AIRPORTS, WESTINGHOUSE WOULD BE ASKED TO SUBMIT BID FOR HUMAN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FOR MUNICH AIRPORT: REQUESTS FOR BIDS WILL GO OUT SOMETIME IN FIRST HALF 1975. INTERESTED WESTINGHOUSE OFFICIALS SHOULD CONTACT HERR STEFFEN, LEITER DER HAUPTABTEILUNG PLANNUNG IN DER FLUGHAFEN MUENCHEN GMBH., 8 MUENCHEN 87, FLUGHAFEN, TEL. 089/922-601. IN VIEW HIS BUSY SCHEDULE, APPOINTMENT SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE ARRIVAL IN MUNICH.

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3. ALTHOUGH EVENTUAL APPROVAL OF NEW AIRPORT AT ERDING, 27 KM FROM CENTER OF MUNICH, SEEMS ASSURED, LEGAL PROCEDURES INVOLVED HAVE TAKEN LONGER THAN ANTICIPATED. FINAL APPROVAL OF ERDING SITE AS MEETING FRG AIR LAW REQUIREMENTS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED WITH A FEW DAYS BY BAVARIAN MINISTER OF ECONOMICS AND TRANSPORTATION. THE NEXT STAGE, WHICH ACCORDING TO STEFFEN WILL LAST ABOUT TWO YEARS, INCLUDES COMPLEX LEGAL PROCEDURES WITH PRIVATE INTERESTS AFFECTED BY CONSTRUCTION OF AIRPORT, AND WILL INVOLVE PURCHASE OF LAND, OBTAINING RIGHTS OF LY ETC.

4. OVERALL AIRPORT CONCEPT, I.E. LAND USE PLAN, HAS BEEN APPROVED BY AIRPORT BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (THIS PLAN PREPARED BY KIVETT AND MYERS, KANSAS CITY.) APPROVAL OF SPACE/FUNCTION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, I.E. THE BUILDINGS AND OTHER FACILITIES COMPOSING THE AIRPORT, IS EXPECTED BY END OF MAY 74. THEN FINAL, PRE-CONSTRUCTION PHASE WILL BE ENTERED, THE PREPARATION OF ACTUAL DESIGNS AND BLUEPRINTS.

5. HUMAN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM WITHIN TERMINAL WILL BE DECENTRALIZED, CABIN SYSTEM SIMILAR TO THOSE AT SEATTLE AND TAMPA AIRPORTS. FAST COMMUTER TRAIN (GKS-BAHN) WILL BE CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN MUNICH MAIN TRAIN STATION AND AIRPORT AT A COST OF DM 400 MILLION. S-BAHN, WHICH EXPECTED TO CARRY 50 PERCENT OF PASSENGER TRAFFIC TO AIRPORT, WILL UNLOAD PASSENGERS AT CENTRAL POINT WITHIN TERMINAL, WHERE THEY WILL BOARD CABINS FOR DIRECT TRANSPORT TO DEPARTURE GATES.

6. UPON COMPLETION FIRST STAGE OF AIRPORT, CAPACITY WILL BE 12 MILLION PASSENGERS PER YEAR. UPON COMPLETION OF SECOND STAGE AT UNSPECIFIED FUTURE DATE CAPACITY WILL INCREASE TO 1820 MILLION. IN 1972 PRESENT AIRPORT HANDLED 4.5 MILLION PASSENGERS. VALDES

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